

STAFF REPORT

Date: February 14, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a grant award from the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) to support the City of Reno's Annual Military Sports Camp event in September 2024 in the amount of \$31,000.

From: April Wolfe, Therapeutic Rec Specialist

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

The Veterans Affairs Sierra Nevada Health Care System (VASNHCS), in Reno, Nevada, provides primary and secondary care to a large geographical area that includes 20 counties in Northern Nevada and Northeastern California. Approximately 120,000 veterans reside in this region, with Reno representing the largest urban area. For that reason, the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) solicited the City of Reno Adaptive program for a grant to support the annual Military Sports Camp in the amount of \$31,000. Staff recommends Council accept the grant award.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	X	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Fiscal Sustainability

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Previous Council Action:

January 11, 2023 - Council approved a grant agreement in the amount of \$10,000 from the NDVS.

April 13, 2022 - Council approved a grant agreement in the amount of \$10,000 from the NDVS.

November 14, 2018 - Council approved a grant agreement in the amount of \$10,000 from the NDVS.

August 23, 2017 - Council approved a grant agreement in the amount of \$15,000 from the NDVS.

Background:

The VASNHCS in Reno provides primary and secondary care to 20 counties in northern Nevada and northeastern California. According to VASNHCS, approximately 120,000 veterans reside in this region, with Reno representing the largest urban area. The close proximity of the facility allows for community reintegration, socialization, and a continuum of care for disabled veterans to continue to work on their home rehabilitation programs and promote constructive lifestyle changes, including health and sports training.

Discussion:

Each year the City of Reno seeks donations, grants, and support from local adaptive sports programs to host 15 disabled veterans and injured service members and their spouses/caregivers for a multi-day Military Sports Camp. These events are at sites throughout the country offering disabled veterans and injured service members the opportunity to integrate as participants and mentors in their home communities. Scheduled for September 2024, this will be the fourteenth year this event is offered in the Truckee Meadows to serve the men and women who served our country.

The City of Reno provides this opportunity including transportation, lodging, adaptive equipment, meals, and individualized instruction in adaptive/Paralympic sports at no cost to the participants. Grant funds will be used to cover expenses associated with the free, all-inclusive camp including but not limited to the cost of certified coaches, adaptive recreation equipment, and program supplies.

Financial Implications:

The funds will be restricted for the purpose of the grant-funded program. There are no grant-matching requirements.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council accept the grant award from NDVS in the amount of \$31,000.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

NDVS Grant Agreement - Adaptive Sports Reno